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An Honest Dollar.

The g. o. p. papers are continually harping about an "honest dollar"; but, from any standard that party has given this country through its legislative acts, it would be hard to determine what an honest dollar is.

The greenback was not an honest dollar, because it would not pay duties on imports, nor interest on the public debt.

The national bank note is not an honest dollar, because, as John Sherman says, "it has no legal-tender quality whatever."

The silver dollar is not an honest dollar, nor is a silver certificate, because either kind of money is not receivable in payment of debt, if otherwise stipulated in the contract.

The gold dollar is not an honest dollar, because all other values are measured by the gold standard, thereby greatly enhancing the value of a comparatively scarce article of earth's products—enriching a few men at the expense of the many men.

As a matter of fact, the Republican party has only given the people about sixty million honest dollars, all told, and for its press and politicians to presume to prate about "honest dollars" is on a par with the Devil preaching the beauties of truth.

The Republican leaders never wanted an honest dollar, for, if they had, they would not have discontinued the issue of that kind of dollar that circulated at par with gold, and which bore no interest with which to burden the tax-payer.

But, we recur to the question of what an honest dollar is; and, from the standpoint of justice, and from the dictates of reason, there can be but one kind of honest dollars, just as there can be but one kind of honest yard-sticks, of 36 inches.

An honest dollar should contain 100 cents, at all times, in the payment of all dues, both public and private—no matter whether the material used is paper, silver or gold; and if congress has power to decree that a certain quantity of gold constitutes 100 cents in the payment of all dues, it certainly has an equal

right to decree that a certain quantity of paper, with certain devices engraved thereon, is 100 cents in the payment of all dues, and such a dollar is as honest as the gold dollar, for the simple reason that it will perform all the offices of money as well as, and more cheaply than, will the gold dollar.

Paying Off Mortgages.

Last September, the census bureau issued a bulletin, in which the real-estate mortgage indebtedness of Kansas is given at \$235,485,000. The debt per mortgaged acre is given at \$6.65. Timid people were appalled at the magnitude of Kansas indebtedness; but not so the Topeka Capital and Republican politicians. The Capital resolved on lifting the mortgages. "Farmer" Smith and "Farmer" Funston, with a host of lesser giants, rushed to the rescue. At all hazards, Kansas must be saved. Kansas had but two leading industries, viz.: agriculture and politics. The Capital started a steam plow, Mr. Funston whistled and "Farmer" Smith held the handles. Farming commenced in the fall, and at once the Ozark range became fruitful, the Flint hills blossomed as the rose, and the limestone bluffs dropped down fatness. The land became so fruitful that wheat that did not yield thirty bushels per acre was abandoned to the English sparrows, and many farmers were forced to borrow their neighbors' pasture land upon which to shock their corn crop. As a result, mortgages melted away as snow in midsummer, and the political "farmers" and the sheriffs shouted for joy, and loan companies were forced into bankruptcy. In one short year, all the mortgages are paid off except those held by eastern widows and the Homestead strikers. The Capital and "Farmer" Smith are charitable, both being church members in good and regular standing. To deprive the eastern widow or the Carnegie operative of investment in Kansas loans would have been a breach of the Divine precept, to not oppress the widow or hireling. The widows' loans are unpaid, and the Homestead strikers' investment will still yield a fat interest. All honor to the Capital for its lofty courage, pride in its state, and its indefatigable industry.

A vote for A. W. Smith, Republican candidate for governor, is a vote for the old state-house ring and for one of the worst political warts that disfigures the fair face of Kansas.

A vote for Bruce Lynch, Republican candidate for state treasurer, is a vote for a convicted gambler and dead-beat.

WE'LL pay you to get up a club. Come, or write, and get campaign rates.

Exchange Echoes.

Poor old Mr. Todd is at home, meekly trying to hold the fort while Mrs. Todd is stumping the country at \$25 per stump.—Bethany Republican.

Yes, "poor old Mr. Todd" is at home in Heaven, where he will undoubtedly succeed in "holding the fort." Mrs. Todd has been a widow for twelve long years and has been depending upon literary work and the lecture field for a living, and it comes of mighty poor grace for Republican editors to LIE about any lady who is honestly engaged in earning a decent living for herself and family, and especially a widow.—Labor Herald, Bethany, Mo.

The man who stands before the people and, with a quiver on his lips, says, "Kansas must be redeemed" is the worst idiot of the age. There is nothing wrong with Kansas, and there have been rapid strides in the way of improvement since the People's party came into prominence. Kansas is redeemed, and will stay redeemed for all time to come.—Beacon, Great Bend.

The government charges 2 cents for carrying a letter from New York to San Francisco. The telegraph companies charge two dollars for an ordinary dispatch, and yet the cost of the government in sending the letter is greater than to the telegraph company in sending the dispatch. Argument seems unnecessary to convince anyone of the advantages of government control.—Colorado Coming Crisis.

Bruce Lynch, the Santa Fe's candidate for state treasurer on the Republican ticket, ran a gambling house in Ottawa, Kansas, in 1886. On September 10, 1886, he was arrested for gambling, and in the police court of Ottawa was fined \$10 and costs, amounting in all to \$15.25. This is the kind of a man the Republican party of Kansas wish to entrust with the state funds and the regulation of railroad assessments.—Kansas Commoner.

When this nation was young and weak it declared "that congress shall have power to coin money and to regulate its value." Now it is the greatest nation on earth, and the leaders of the two old parties say we must have an international conference. Shame on the little weaklings! Where is the spirit of your fathers?—Kansas City Sun.

A bill is before the English House of Commons to provide \$50,000,000 to help poor men to buy and own small farms. What difference is there between this and the People's party land loan measure? None at all. Are we to let aristocratic England show us the way to be just to our fellow-men in this glorious country? Where is our boasted freedom!—Michigan Statesman.

There is an army of boards, commissioners, state agents, etc., in Kansas, which ought to be abolished, and will be next winter, when the People's party has control.—Washington Republican.

Geo. T. Anthony is now posing as a tinner. D. R. Anthony, his cousin, says that he stole the "tin" belonging to his school district in the state of New York and fled to Kansas to escape the consequences. This is probably where he got his start.—Salina Union.

John J. Ingalls is getting campaign thunder in Europe. He will get thunder, and lightning, too, when he returns to Kansas.—Wichita Opinion.

Postmaster-General Wanamaker has entered his decree that Mrs. Emery's "Seven Financial Conspiracies" shall not pass through the U. S. mails. We understand that he has also refused the mail to several People's party papers, and if the administration feels that its safety depends on it, we may expect before long to see a general decree against all of them.—Salina Union.

Smith, Anthony, Burton and several others—the biggest guns in the state—were advertised to speak at the Leonardville Republican rally, and yet only a few people turned out to hear them. This is a disheartening experience for the party of great majorities in Kansas since the state was organized. "Dennis" is its name this year and forevermore. "Let all the people say—Amen!"—Manhattan Republic.

It is amusing to see how Republicans are getting mixed on the political issues. They say silver was never demonetized, and they are not in favor of free coinage of silver, and in the next breath they will tell you that the Republican senate passed the free coinage bill and censure the Democratic house for not doing likewise. They condemn paper money and the Republican party gave us all that kind of money that has been in use since the war, including Lincoln's "shinplasters," and in the same conversation declare that not a dollar of this money has been taken in and burned.—Council Grove Courier.

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